Melville

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from Rev. Lynd.

Religion

Jesse Ketchum's father gave land for a church to be built at Melville.

Notice in issue of the Guardian, about 1840.

Melville 1st Cone W.H.S.

Caledon

Melville Cross

Orangeville Banner Thurs. April 22, 1937

DISMANTLED OLD SAWMILL

Landmark at Melville Cross Has Disappeared.—Building Thought to Have Been a Century Old.

Raspin Scott recently completed the dismantling of a sawmill on his farm at Melville. The building is thought to have stood on the site for a century. The mill was there when Mr. Scott's father, the late Henry Scott, came to Melville in 1858.

The wrecking of the building aroused memories among citizens of pioneer days at Melville Cross. In the early days there was a sawmill, an oatmeal mill, a hotel and a blacksmith shop. The area which now surrounds the quiet farm corner was once surveyed into town lots, and a Methodist church was built on the southeast corner.

The section to-day boasts its second brick schoolhouse. The original school was built north of the corner, but was destroyed by fire, and the present structure was built on 25 sideroad on the banks of the Credit River.

John Delaney ran the only hotel, while the only store ever operated at Melville was a Grange store. A limestone quarry was operated north of the village, while further north, almost on the boundary of Orangeville, stood a tannery.

The village was served by two railroads, the Toronto, Grey and Bruce and the Credit Valley Railroad. The two railroads crossed there, and from that fact the village derived its name of Melville Cross. Later, with the inauguration of the C. P. R., the name was changed to Melville Junction.

The cutting of the timber in the surrounding country caused the sawmill to operate only part time, while the oatmeal mill closed, and many of the citizens found employment at Alton East lime kilns. The shortage of wood closed these kilns, but another opened north of Melville, and for some years the village enjoyed a second boom.

The village for many years boasted its own Orange Lodge and to-day the hall stands, a crumbling ruin. Where once pioneers dreamed of a city, to-day stands a golf course; and the ponds, which supplied power for the mills, are stocked with speckled trout by Orangeville Fishing Club.

would appear that, at one time or another, most denominations have worshipped there.

As time wore on, the log church became too small and uncomfortable for the flourishing Church of England congregation. In 1839, the neighbourhood turned out to build the now famous Old Stone Chapel, a monument to the fine pioneer spirit of mutual toleration and co-operation.

(End of Chapter)

Politics

The Conservator Sept. 27, 1928

Melville Cross

A short time ago Samuel Island, who for several years has held the position of Chairman of the Conservative Committee in this Ward removed to Orangeville. For the purpose of appointing a successor a meeting was held on Friday night last with a splendid attendance. Mr. T.H. Bullock presided and conducted the election with the following result: On motion of Island Mr. Raspin Scott was appointed chairman. The other officers elected were Russell Jenkins, secretary; Messrs. S. Corbett, ~~and~~ Mrs. S. Walder, Albert Sodden, T.H. Bracken, Mrs. H. Nelson, Mrs. S. Corbett committee.

ORANGEVILLE BANNER. Thurs. Aug. 3, 1893.

Caledon

Council

MELVILLE.

We are going to have a midsummer election down here, Mr. Wm. Gale having resigned as mayor of Melville. The gentlemen who are after the honor are Mr. Thos. Adams and Mr. Saml. Delaney, It will be nip and tuck and tuck will get there. Your vote and influence are requested for Mr. Delaney, who is a solid Tory and a great head.

Post office.

3 Meredith Crescent,
Toronto, Ontario.
Sept. 9, 1932.

Postmaster,
Alton,
Ont.

Melville Cross

Dear Sir:

For some time I have been collecting data for a History of Peel County and am now ready to deal finally with the Post Offices. Are there not rural routes served from your office where post-offices were formerly in operation but have been discontinued? Any particulars regarding these would be welcome; and I am exceedingly anxious at least to obtain a complete list, so that the district served by each post office now operating will be adequately described. Can you not help me with this?

Yours faithfully,

W. P. Bull
Per
W. P. B. Jr.

Wm. Perkins Bull.

Dear Sir,-

The only post office closed by a rural route in this district was Melville Cross. The last postmaster was Mr. Scott. You may get particulars of him by writing to Raspin Scott grandson whose address is Orangeville.

WPB/EA

Yours truly,
W. Hawkins
P. M.

The Times survey atlas of the World.

MELVILLE

Melville	Envs. Perth, W. A.	--	--	105 L 82
Melville Bay (B.de la Concepcion)	Fernando Po	3.25 n.	8.46 e.	74 L 99
Melville Bay	Greenland	75.45 n.	62.0 w.	82 R 3

6 Can. 1 Greenland
2 Scot. 1 Fernando Po.
9 Australia

Melville Bay	N.T., Australia	12.0 s.	136.45 e.	106 L 81
Melville, Cape	Queensland	14.9 s.	144.34 e.	106 L 43
Melville Castle	Envs. Edinburgh	55.53 n.	3.5 w.	26 L 39
Melville, co	Queensland	14.35 s.	145.0 e.	106 L 43
Melville Grange	Envs. Edinburgh	55.54 n.	3.5 w.	26 L 29
Melville I.	Franklin, Can.	75.30 n.	112.0 w.	82 L 7
Melville I.	N.T., Aus.	11.30 s.	131.0 e.	105 L 22
Melville Is.	N.T., Aus.	12.5 s.	136.58 e.	106 L 81
Melville, Lake	Quebec	53.40 n.	59.40 w.	83 R 58
Melville, mt.	Envs. Albany, W. A.	--	--	105 R 29
Melville Penin.	Franklin, Can.	68.30 n.	84.0 w.	82 R 21
Melville ry. sta.	Saskatchewan	50.54 n.	102.46 w.	88 R 66
Melville Sound	Franklin, Can.	74.0 n.	108.0 w.	82 L 18
Melville Sound	Mackenzie, Can.	68.10 n.	108.0 w.	82 L 28
Melville Tank	New S. Wales	33.42 s.	143.7 e.	108 L 54
Melville Water	Envs. Perth, W. A.	--	--	105 L 83

Smith, Goldwin, -THE COAL TRUST

From Mrs Arthur Huston:

General

Melville Junction.

Anniversaries.

The Lord Dufferin Chapter of the I.O.D.E. celebrated its 25th Anniversary on our grounds, Riverholme, on June 17th, 1932. Over 250 from many points attended. Representatives from the head chapters. (Have photos.)

Questionaire from
Norman C. Nelson,
R. R. 2, Alton.

General

Melville Cross

A station and hotel used to be directly back of our farm but moved to Alton.

Questionaire of
Norman C. Nelson,
R.R. 2, Alton.

Post Office II

Melville Cross

There was a post office at Melville Cross. Charles Scott was postmaster. He was succeeded by Henry Scott.

Post office closed when Rural Delivery began.

THE SIMCOE PAPERS VOLUME I. 1789-1793.

P. 343 Continued.

Jealousy of the Government of the United States--a Government founded upon the Basis of popular Opinion and floating with its very Breath, and considering that this popular Opinion is guided by the same Men & by the same means (Newspapers) which alienated their Minds, and severed them from the parent Country, I cannot but be seriously alarmed at the approach of an armed force to subject the Indians, whom the voice of popular Opinion in the States declares only to exist as a People from the Support they receive from these Fortresses--which Virginia (powerful, revengeful, unprincipled) has already declared to be retained in the Violation of the Treaty of Peace, fulfilled on the part of the United States. Victory establishes their Arms at the Miamis and Sandusky,--or some Post (if the officer commanding their Forces be intelligent and not governed by Names) still nearer to Detroit. Defeated, Presqu'Isle within a few hour's sail of Fort Erie, will be occupied in force. And when I am to add to the prospect of Affairs, an European War, in which the United States have declared a Neutrality,.

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In such a situation of just Apprehension, I feel it my duty to state to your Excellency (and I hope you will communicate these Ideas to His Majesty's Ministers) that I consider it my Civil Duty immediately to occupy the Harbours of York without delay, with such Troops as are

Arangville Banner, 12 March, 1936

Towns-
Melville-

SONG OF THE VAGABOND

Helen Qua-Huston Writes About Inscriptions on Walls of Old C. P. R. Station at Melville.

There is no truer saying than "It takes all kinds to make a world," and there are good and bad in all walks of life. A man without a country is a pitiful thing, but a man without a home is a tragedy, so it is no wonder that there has sprung into force a 'hobo' fraternity and towns and houses are passed on to the next one, as friend or foe, by signs.

Since the Caledon tracks have been taken up the little station at Melville is rarely used and it has been a rendezvous for transient men of the 'road' for some time. Before they removed the stove these men used to forage food from the neighboring homes and cook themselves a good meal while waiting to board a night freight train. Now there only remains the bare shell and one seat to shelter them from the cold of the night.

Chancing in out of the zero blast myself one day recently I noticed what looked like some verses on the wall and, being no doubt of a curious, if not cautious, trend of mind, I glanced over them and realized that before me lay a clue to two entirely different types of the 'travelling gentry.' One had written with a saving grace of humor and no doubt in his wanderings got more out of life than the first-rate office man. The other, in his impromptu verse, displayed a touch of bitterness and despondency, with a throw-back to earlier teaching of better things. His dreams had become a nightmare of disillusionment. I quote the verses as I copied them down.

I've been down East, I've been up West,
I've been as far as Fargo,
But the darndest place I was ever in was
A coon dive in Chicago.
(Signed) Hobo Bill—a typical 'wanderlust.'

Will there be any freight trains in Heaven,
Any box-cars in which we can hide?
Will the hobo chum with the rich man,
Or be asked to step inside?
Will there be any hoboes up yonder,
Or maybe a nickel to spare?
Will our feet cease to weary and wander
In the land that is hidden up there?
(Signed) Pete—A victim of the times.

I might defend my curiosity by saying that, being more or less of a writing amateur, I pick my characters and studies from nature and the common walks of everyday life, for there I find my best theories and subjects.

Dear Chance, Mistress of our destinies,
How little we thy doings understand:
A life is moulded, tuned and turned
According to the ruling of thy hand.

Helen-Qua Huston
Riverholme, Melville.

emergencies of life and death that the Country had ever known. With the beginning of medical education on sound, regulated lines there dawned an era of technical advancement. Methods and processes improved under the impetus of European research and scientific awakening. It was but a prelude, a stage dressing for the heroic age that immediately followed. By the period of Confederation, the tide in the grim struggle had turned and with the break of the Twentieth Century, Science had won ascendency over the invisible legions of death. In tracing the progress of preventive medicine and the steady enhancement of the conditions of public health in a single Ontario County, it has been the aim to display in close focus the fruits of human determination, human ingenuity and the deep-seated passion of mankind for health and the preservation of life.

THE END.